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## Crop walk set

The annual Granite City Area Crop Walk will be held Sunday, April 28. Sponsored by Church World Service, the walk raises money to help feed the hungry people of the world. Each walker solicits sponsors for his or her participation who agree to pledge a dollar amount for the distance walked.

## 25 years ago

Monday, April 18, 1966

Harold E. Griggs, Mitchell grade school principal, was appointed today by Madison County School Supt. Wilbur R. L. Trimpe as assistant county superintendent.

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MEMBERS OF LEON HAYES' FAMILY with his school portrait. From left are Mechele Novosel, Hayes' girl friend; Barbara Hayes,

his mother; and Sherry George and Viva Mann, his half sisters.

## Youth faces 20-year sentence

## Teen's conviction shocks family

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Had her husband Leon been alive, Barbara Hayes would have been celebrating her wedding anniversary April 3.

Instead, she was in a Madison County courtroom, where her youngest child, Leon Jr., was found guilty of first-degree murder.

Hayes and her family have been in a daze ever since. "It's a nightmare," Hayes said as she sat on the sofa in her Granite City home. "I just keep thinking somebody is going to wake me up."

Hayes remembered only too well the phone call she received about 4:30 a.m. Oct. 6 from the Alton police.

"They said, 'We have your son' and I thought they got him for curfew," Hayes said.

But Leon, 17, was charged with first-degree murder in the stabbing death of an Alton man, Dwight D. "David" Sumner, 21.

Leon was found guilty of the charge by Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner, who presided over the bench trial. Leon had waived his right to a jury trial.

On the last day of that trial, Leon testified that he swung a knife at Sumner to protect himself.

He testified that he was attacked by Sumner when he (Leon) attempted to intervene in a fight between Sumner and another youth, Christopher Logan, on the Vandalia Bicycle Trail parking lot in Alton.

Defense attorney John Gitchoff had hoped for an acquittal on self-defense but expected at most an involuntary manslaughter charge. So did the Hayes family.

We just knew there was no way possible (the judge) was going to come back with first-degree murder," said Gary George, Leon's half brother. "We expected he'd (Leon) serve at most five (See TEEN, Page 10A)

Street workers get  
1 1/2 percent pay raiseBy Bob Slate  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Street and sanitation workers were granted an additional one and a half percent pay raise Tuesday night.

After talking nearly two years to negotiate a contract, and finally reaching an agreement with the city in January, street department employees received a raise of three and a half percent last week instead of the two percent agreed to during the winter.

The sanitation department received an identical increase.

The actions were taken Tuesday by the City Council.

Noting a recent settlement in which police officers received a three and one-

half percent pay increase, aldermen decided to grant the same total increase to the street and sanitation departments.

Originally containing two percent wage boosts, the street and sanitation contracts included a "me, too" clause, empowering the departments to seek additional raises if other city departments received an increase greater than two percent.

The contracts cover fiscal years 1990-91 and 1991-92.

Asked if the unions had invoked their "me, too" powers, Negotiations Committee Chairman Dan Partney said it was not necessary for them to do so.

"We had a gentlemen's agreement, and (the city) honored that agreement," Partney said.

"We are all gentlemen here," he added. (See RAISE, Page 10A)

## Laidlaw issues apology

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Laidlaw Waste Systems apologized to the City Council on Tuesday night for the manner in which its voluntary yard waste removal program has been implemented.

Gary Juergens, division manager at Laidlaw's Edwardsville office, said, "I understand that you have had a few problems with our yard waste (removal) program, and I would like to apologize ... for not communicating with more of you" regarding the new subscription program.

He said Alderman Judy Whitaker, chairman of the city's Sanitation Committee, had informed him there had been a lot of complaints from citizens regarding the program.

"We did away with the sticker program

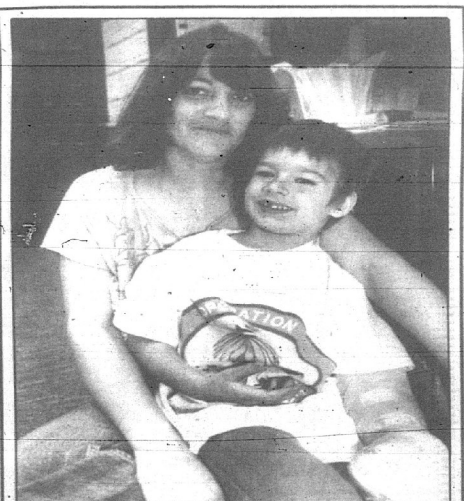
to make (yard waste disposal) cheaper for residents, and to make it more economical and efficient for us," Juergens explained.

Last year, Laidlaw implemented a program of yard waste pickup requiring residents to buy stickers to identify bags containing yard waste.

The program was necessary due to legislation that prohibited the dumping of yard waste in landfills. Stickers had cost \$1.25 each, or 35 cents for senior citizens. The new program will honor the stickers, but they are no longer available for purchase.

"We decided it would be easier to set people up on a year-round basis starting April 1, and allowing two bags per week at a discounted rate," Juergens said.

The new rate is \$7.50 a year and entitles the subscriber to pickup service from (See LIDLAW, Page 10A)



RECOVERING FROM ATTACK is Zachary Judkins, shown with his mother, Sandy.

4-year-old is still  
not afraid of dogsBy Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

MADISON — Zachary Judkins is still not afraid of dogs. After all the horrible things the small boy has experienced since being attacked by a dog last Sunday, he continues to carry around a stuffed dog and takes it to bed with him.

Zachary, 4, started a series of anti-rabies shots Thursday because the black dog that attacked him had not been located and placed under observation. The dog bit off one finger and the ends of two other fingers.

"He has already taken three shots, one in each hip and an arm, and is to go back for more shots on Sunday (today)," Sandy Judkins, Zachary's mother, said Thurs-

day. Five days after that he has to have more shots.

The time period between the shots will lengthen with each session, but the shots must continue on a prescribed, intermittent basis through May 16, his mother said.

She has not yet been told the total number of shots Zachary must take to protect him against possibly contracting rabies through the wounds.

Sandy Judkins said, "We are still looking for that dog," Madison Mayor John Bellcoff said Friday.

Virtually the entire community has been searching for the animal that attacked Zachary near his home in the 900 block of Iowa Street on Sunday afternoon.

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Sunset Bristow doing well

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

MITCHELL — Sunset Bristow, 8, of West Chain of Rocks Road, Mitchell, is doing just fine. In fact, she was smiling when she visited Mitchell School on Friday morning — just over two weeks after she underwent heart transplant surgery.

On April 2, Sunset had a heart transplant at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Her new heart is showing no sign of rejection, her mother, Sherri Bristow, said Friday.

Margaret Amisch, Mitchell School nurse, said Sunset is doing "remarkably well. She will be a homebound student for a while and she's wearing a mask today."

"She's such a pretty little girl and looks very well after all she has been through."

Sunset is on nine types of medication, including (See GIRL, Page 10A)

# First 'crack' arrests in city

GRANITE CITY — A buy-bust executed by the police drug team last week resulted in the city's first "crack cocaine" arrests.

According to Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph, the drug team, working undercover and armed with a search warrant, arrested three people during the operation at a house in the 2900 block of West 20th Street.

Felony warrants against the three were obtained last week from the Madison County State's Attorney's Office.

Kerry C. Eulich, 34, of St. Thomas Road was charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$200,000.

Tony L. Holt, 31, of the 2900 block of West 20th was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond was set at \$75,000.

Stacey M. Holt, 29, of the 2900 block of West 20th was charged with unlawful possession of a

controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond was set at \$75,000.

All three were lodged at the Madison County Jail, Selph said. The Holts are husband and wife, Selph said, and their six-month-old infant was also in the house at the time of the arrests. He said the child was later released to the custody of a grandparent.

The drug team reportedly recovered more than 10 grams of cocaine, in both powdered and crack form, at the house.

Selph said the powdered cocaine was packaged and ready for sale while the crack cocaine appeared to have been for personal use.

"It's the first 'crack' we've seen in the city," Selph said. "I guess we knew it was just a matter of time, but you still hate to see it."

"I can't stress enough what an outstanding job our drug team is doing. These guys just seem to keep making the big busts."

## Stabbing assailant not yet identified

GRANITE CITY — Police are investigating a report that two men suffered stab wounds at St. John Cemetery, 2901 Nameoki Road, at about 2:45 a.m. April 13.

Officers were in the 2900 block of Nameoki Road when advised by a passerby that five men had been seen kicking another man on the cemetery property.

Four men were in the cemetery parking lot and two of the men, George Yeager Jr., 31, of the 2900 block of Pershing Boulevard and Fred H. Werner, 25, of the 2700 block of Nameoki Road, were bleeding, police said.

While an ambulance was en route, both Yeager and Werner said they had been stabbed by one of four or five men who had confronted them in the cemetery. The two other men with the victims were not involved in the altercation.

Yeager had a slashing cut to the left elbow and Werner had been slashed in the left triceps area. The knife was wielded by an unknown man, the victims said.

Yeager was treated by medics at the scene and declined to go to St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Later, he said, he might go to the emergency room. Werner

also declined being transported. Yeager said he had been at Eddie's Lounge, 2900 Nameoki Road, when police went there to remove four men about 2 a.m. Saturday.

The four troublemakers had left before officers arrived, but had returned and got into an argument with a man at the bar. The man then left.

Yeager said someone yelled there was a fight in the cemetery. Yeager, Werner and the other two men crossed the street to the dark cemetery grounds.

He was not certain who stabbed him and Werner also was unsure about the assailant's identity. They said one man in the group at the cemetery appeared to have been beaten.

Yeager said his attacker had long hair and was wearing a black leather jacket. He said someone had thrown a jacket at him and that's when he realized he had been cut.

Madison man seen running south in the 2900 block, between East 27th and East 28th streets was stopped by police a few minutes after the incident.

Although he was among those in the cemetery, the 19-year-old man was not identified by the victims as the assailant.

## Four charges filed after pickup truck strikes car

A Pontoon Beach man was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol following a traffic accident at 5:10 p.m. April 12 at West Pontoon Road and Missouri Avenue (old Illinois 3).

Rickie Lee Price, 38, of the 3800 block of Lake Drive was northbound on Missouri when his pickup truck, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, struck a car operated by Dennis R. Solberger, 35, of Terrace Lane, which was in the southbound left-turn lane. The truck received extensive damage to

the left front.

Sollberger said his vehicle was stopped and he had braced himself, waiting for the impact of the truck. Neither man was reported to be injured.

Witnesses alleged Price passed a stop sign before striking the auto.

Price was booked for DUI, disobeying a stop sign, driving too fast for conditions and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He posted his driver's license and \$102 bail and was released, pending a court appearance.

## Venice township property valuations will be studied

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — The State's Attorney's Office and the supervisor of assessments in Madison County will help a County Board member investigate property sales he believes caused the real estate assessment multiplier in Venice Township to rise.

Don Garrett, D-Madison, said during Wednesday's County Board meeting that he had several complaints regarding the township's 1990 multiplier, which rose to 1.0665 from 1.0425 in 1989.

"I understand it going up in some areas that have gained population but my area is losing population," Garrett said. "I want to know if there are legitimate rises in value or if somebody is doing something and causing the taxpayers to pay more money."

Garrett suggested that property may be bought and sold at overstated prices, helping to "whitewash" drug-tainted money. With the help of a "shady" real estate agent, a drug dealer could conceivably make drug-dealing money look as if it were earned through realty investments, Garrett said. He said this is a well-known practice for disposing of "dirty" money.

Garrett said he had no evidence pointing to underhanded real estate deals in the township but said he thought studying the records may yield such evidence. Assistant State's Attorney Lewis Malott said he would assist Garrett in going over Venice Township property sale records which Bob Harris, county supervisor of assessments, said he would pull.

We plan to make a thorough investigation of each piece of property sold in Venice Township," Harris said. He said he did not know how many properties this will entail but said about 9,600 parcels of property were sold in Madison County last year.

Harris also said he was unsure what a study of the records would reveal. "I can't tell you either or not there's fraud involved," Harris said. "It is possible."

## 6th murder-suicide ruling in 12 months

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A jury ruled the death of a Venice man as suicidal during a Madison County coroner's inquest Wednesday, bringing the number of murder-suicides in the county over a 12-month period to six. The jury heard testimony, and reports, that LaVall Glasper Sr., 45, shot himself March 30 shortly after shooting Robin Boyd, 33, outside her apartment in the 1200 block of Market Street. The couple had been dating.

According to reports, witnesses saw Glasper pull up behind Boyd's auto when she arrived at her apartment on the afternoon of March 30. Witnesses said they later heard gunshots and then saw Glasper leaving the scene at a high rate of speed.

Boyd, who had been shot once in the back of the head and once in the chest, was discovered about 1 p.m. in her car.

She was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and later transferred to St. Louis University Hospital. She was pronounced dead there at 2 a.m. March 31. Based on the witnesses' account, police went to Glasper's home in the 600 block of Jefferson Avenue. Glasper would not let police inside and, within minutes, the officer heard a single gunshot from inside the home.

Glasper's father brought a key to admit the officers, and Glasper was pronounced dead at 2 p.m. Coroner Dallas Burke said.

Patrolman Albert Boyd said bullets recovered from the dead woman were fired from the .32-caliber revolver Glasper used to shoot himself in the head. Ownership of the gun is unknown, Boyd said.

A toxicology report revealed that drug and alcohol screenings on Glasper were negative.

Chief Deputy Coroner Ralph Baahmann said the number of murder-suicides in the county has been "unreal." There have been six such occurrences between March 1990 and March 1991.

Such tragedies usually occur between spouses or in boyfriend/girlfriend relationships, Baahmann said.

## Revocations

Quad City area residents whose driver's licenses have been revoked by the Secretary of State's Office for conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol include:

Richard D. Greene, 34, of the 2300 block of West 24th, arrested Oct. 16, convicted March 22.

Kenneth J. Moter, 47, of the 3100 block of Jill Avenue, arrested April 10, 1990, convicted March 22.

Greg Paul Tomlinson, 34, of the

4700 block of Nameoki Road, arrested Oct. 5, 1985, convicted Feb. 5.

Damon R. Allen, 25, of the 5400 block of Maryville Road, arrested Oct. 5, 1985, convicted Feb. 5.

Duke J. Goeller, 30, of the 3900 block of Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, arrested Nov. 11, convicted Jan. 28.

Billy J. Johnson, 51, of the 1700 block of Market, Madison, arrested Sept. 21, convicted Jan. 15.

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## Thief damages 1991 car

A 1991 auto was damaged when a thief tried to remove four tires and wheels from the rear at Dempsey-Adams Auto Body, 18th and State streets, it was reported April 5. Three wheels had been removed, causing the car to drop at the right front and damage the fender. One wheel and tire valued at \$120 are missing from the auto. Other damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$250.

## Power boosters stolen

Tracy D. Romeo of the 2400 block of Madison Avenue reported April 5 that an equalizer power booster was removed from between the seats of her pickup truck and a power booster was taken from the dashboard.

## Man booked by police

Curtis L. Gaines, 37, of the 2900 block of Morgan Avenue was arrested at 4:20 a.m. April 7 for battery. Kimberly Gaines, his wife, told police he grabbed her by the throat and pushed her. Curtis Gaines was lodged pending bail.

## Weapon warrant arrest

Michael Millender, 32, of East St. Louis was arrested by Granite City officers at 4:20 p.m. April 12 on a Belleville felony warrant charging unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon. Bond on the warrant was \$50,000, and Millender was transported to Belleville.

## Program to help women and infants nearly out of money

By Joe Carroll  
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — A program that provides low-income women and their young children with food vouchers will run out of money by the end of April if the state does not bail it out, a state official says.

The Women and Infant Children (WIC) program, which serves thousands of people in the Metro East region, will go broke by the end of the month if the Legislature does not approve the agency's request for \$25 million.

A joint hearing of the Senate Appropriations 1 and 11 committees heard testimony on the request last week but took no formal action.

The WIC program is designed to combat infant mortality by giving food vouchers to pregnant women and their children, said Mary Huck a department

## Granite City

### Parked car burglarized

James D. Hendrick, 21, of the 3900 block of Madison Avenue reported an unknown person entered his locked car and removed two amplifiers worth \$400, a speaker box valued at \$350, a radar detector worth \$120 and 11 compact discs worth \$170 while the vehicle was parked on the street early April 9.

### Door at home damaged

Pranatis, 64, of the 2300 block of Lee Avenue reported a hole was shot in the glass on a storm door at her residence April 13. Damage from the BB or pellet gun was estimated at \$30.

### Parked auto vandalized

Lori A. Ross, 20, of Parkway Apartments told police an unknown person scratched the right front fender and chipped paint from the hood of her red 1981 Pontiac Trans Am auto between 7 p.m. April 14 and 3 p.m. April 15 while it was parked next to the apartment building.

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## What's New Coming In Your Journal

**Bike trail planned**  
Communities near Norfolk & Western's old Schoolhouse Branch will seek to reach a general agreement on the possible conversion of the railroad line for a bicycle and hiking trail.

**Enjoy Illinois**  
A special 56-page section touting attractions in Metro East will be part of Wednesday's Journal. The section features stories on everything from softball to places to eat.



## Venice man arrested in rape

EDWARDSVILLE — A 45-year-old Venice man was arrested Thursday morning after he allegedly attempted to rape a 60-year-old woman in her Mitchell home.

Larry H. Willoughby, of the 600 block of Jefferson Avenue, Venice, was being held in the Madison County Jail on Friday in lieu of \$100,000 bond on two counts of aggravated sexual assault.

Willoughby allegedly went to the woman's home at about 6:30 a.m. Thursday. The woman's 18-year-old grandson, who also lives at the Lola Street residence, let Willoughby inside.

The woman told the Madison County Sheriff's Department that Willoughby is an acquaintance of her daughter and had been to her residence with her daughter on a previous occasion.

Willoughby allegedly entered the victim's bedroom, where she was asleep. He sat on the edge of the woman's bed, offered her a cigarette and told her he needed a place to lie down because he had no home.

The victim told authorities that she knew Willoughby had been drinking, so when he lay on the bed she tried to get up.

Willoughby grabbed and held the woman around her waist but after a struggle she freed herself. He then grabbed both of the victim's wrists and forced her back down onto the bed face-up, she said.

When the woman's screams for help were answered by her grandson, Willoughby got up and left the room, the report said.

Sheriff's deputies saw Willoughby's 1977 Buick Riviera at a pay phone at the intersection of Maryville Road and Redwood Lane about five minutes after they arrived at the scene.

Willoughby allegedly had an open can of beer on the car seat. He refused to take a breathalyzer test and was subsequently charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcohol, as well as aggravated sexual assault, authorities said.

## Trip to Kentucky

The Granite City Park District is sponsoring a one-day trip to Paducah, Ky., for the seventh annual quilt show. The trip will be made Friday, April 26, leaving the Wilson Park ice rink at 6 a.m. and returning in the early evening.

The cost of \$24 per person includes the bus and entry to the quilt exhibition at the convention center.

There are 10 seats left on the bus and reservations may be made at the Wilson Park office.



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

**SPELLER GETS KEY TO SCHOOL.** Eighth-grader Kelly Lasiter receives the key to Coolidge Junior High School from Principal Jim Jeffries.

## Local girl wins shot at U.S. spelling bee

By Pam Doepke-Hurd  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Granite City's Kelly Lasiter has made it to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in her last bid.

Kelly won the regional finals of the Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee at the St. Louis Art Museum on April 6, qualifying for the national bee, which will be held next month, and winning a set of encyclopedias.

Eighty-three counties in Illinois and Missouri were represented at the St. Louis competition, which started at 10 a.m. After three hours and 14 rounds of spelling, only three entrants were left. Lasiter, a Coolidge Junior High School eighth-grade student, was one of them.

When she was one of only two spellers left, the two kept up with each other by spelling one word after another correctly. Then, her opponent missed one.

"I guessed on 'nematocyst,'" Lasiter said. "But I was pretty sure of 'balletomane,' which means someone who likes ballet."

And that was the winning word. Lasiter received a set of the New Encyclopedia Britannica and a trip to the nationals in Washington.

Lasiter has been spelling competitively since she was in the fourth grade. She has made it to the finals here five times

and the regionals four times. This was her final attempt to reach the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C., because the competition is open only to eighth graders and younger students.

Lasiter is the first Granite City student to make it to the national bee in more than 30 years.

Sandra Sloss of Granite City once was the national champion.

Coolidge Principal Jim Jeffries proclaimed April 8 as "Kelly Lasiter Day" at the school and said, "We are all very proud of Kelly for winning this honor and for bringing recognition to our school."

Lasiter was presented with a red and white Coolidge corsage to wear throughout the day. Her classmates said they consider her a "walking dictionary" and offered her their congratulations on her accomplishment.

Lasiter's father, Michael Lasiter, a mail carrier, has been her coach, spending the evening hours giving her different words to practice on the week before the next competition.

"Kelly's parents have been supportive of her all through the competitions," Jeffries said. "For recreation, they give her words to spell at night."

Lasiter will be attending the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington in late May.

## School lawsuit says TIF actions violated state law

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A lawsuit by Granite City Community Unit School District 9 alleges that a number of actions utilized in qualifying the Chouteau Trace area for TIF (tax increment financing) were inconsistent with the TIF law.

The suit targets the Village of Pontoon Beach, BTL Enterprises Inc., attorney John Gibbons, Magna Trust Co. and unknown other bondholders.

The Chouteau Trace TIF district, located on 68 acres of farmland west of Illinois Route 111 and south of Interstate 270, was established by village ordinance in 1987, citing the location as a blighted area and providing tax abatements for potential future developers.

Among the alleged inconsistencies is the manner in which the vacant land was declared to be blighted.

Vacant land — if it has been in continuous use for the previous five years — may be declared blighted if it meets certain criteria in the TIF statute. Among the criteria are obsolete platting, diversity of ownership, delinquencies in tax payments, and flooding.

The suit alleges the land was platted less than three months before the public hearing, that the plat does not comply with Illinois statutes, and that it was not recorded.

The school district asserts that "BTL purported to convey ground from itself to itself" in order to give an appearance of multiple ownership.

In an unrelated case in Marion, Ill., Circuit Judge Thomas W. Haney ruled in September 1990 that "technical or apparent compliance with blighted criteria is not full compliance." Apparent compliance is no act of magic which transforms ineligible property into eligible property.

gible property.

In other words, the factors "must have a development-improving nature," Haney ruled.

The TIF law states, "No redevelopment project plan shall be adopted without findings that the area on the whole has not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed without the adoption of the redevelopment plan."

The school district alleges "the project area would have been developed without the necessity of subsidizing private development."

TIF law requires that a development plan be adopted prior to holding a public hearing regarding the establishment of a TIF district.

It is also alleged by the school district that the Chouteau Trace development plan was amended after the public hearing, and that tax abatements were not notified of the changes.

The lawsuit says that "substantial amendments" to the development were adopted after the hearing, resulting in a number of unforeseen expenses to taxing bodies in the area.

Increased property taxes collected in a TIF district, instead of being distributed to the usual taxing bodies (the school district, for example), are placed in a Project Account. Funds in the account may be used to pay for redevelopment costs within the TIF district.

Norman Owca, director of finance for the school district, estimates that as much as \$10,000,000 in real estate taxes could be redirected to real estate developers rather than the school district over the next 21 years as a result of the creation of a TIF district in the village.

School Board President Roy Koberna said the purpose of the lawsuit is to have the court determine whether the village's actions comply with Illinois law.

## City puts limits on tractor trailer parking

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The City Council adopted an ordinance Tuesday night prohibiting parking of tractor trailer trucks in residential areas of the city.

The ordinance makes it illegal to park, either on a public right of way or on private property, any tractor trailer truck, tractor or trailer at any time except when making a delivery, if any residential area in the city.

Fines for violations of the ordinance can range from \$25 to \$100, with each day on which a violation occurs or continues being considered a separate offense.

Police Chief Don Knight told the council the department receives "numerous complaints" regarding tractor trailer truck parking in the city.

Reached in his office Thursday afternoon, Knight said, "Truck parking is not my biggest problem by any means, but some trucks park all over in residential zones."

"Sometimes, especially in the winter, (drivers) leave trucks running all night and it is hard for people nearby to sleep."

Knight expects enforcement to be strict.

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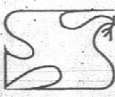
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## Eager students Project gets response from college coaches

By Pam Doecke-Hurd  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Wilson Elementary School has been getting a lot of mail lately — and not for the teachers either. Sixth grade students in Alfred Wilson's math class have been receiving mail from Big Ten college basketball teams as well as teams that played in this year's NCAA basketball tournament.

The students, busy with all their normal classroom activities, eagerly wait for their math class to begin.

The reason: A special project the students are working on in conjunction with sports — figuring percentages and plotting graphs related to sports action.

What's the sports section got to do with math? Wilson's class followed the Big Ten college basketball teams through out the season. Each student was assigned a game and read the game results in the next day's sports section. The students then charted the numbers by graphing players' scoring percentages in relation to team scoring.

During the regular season the students would get the box scores from the newspaper on Monday morning. By Wednesday the students gave a status report on the progress they have made so far and on Friday they mailed the finished graphs to the college coaches.

But with the NCAA tournament games, the students had a

lot more to do. The students finished the first-round eliminations and mailed off the graphs before Easter.

The students are now seeing results from that mailing. Some of the coaches have been very appreciative of the work that the students put into the graphs and they showed this by sending the students gifts — media guides, schedules and team pictures.

What began as a math project has become a motivational program," Wilson said. "The students can't wait to get to school to check the mail. It's tremendous."

Heather Richardson is the envy of her classmates. She received a shirt from the Richmond, Virginia, "Spiders" for her graph after they were eliminated in the first round of tournament play.

The students get to keep everything that is sent to them after it has been put on display in a special area next to the school's office. Each student also takes care of the postage for mailing his or her graph and brings in 50 cents religiously so that they can mail their graphs as soon as they have them complete.

Wilson has given each student a job besides doing their own math for both of the graphs, one for the winning team and one for the losing team.

"This is a total student enterprise," Wilson said. Some place computer labies on the top of the



ALFRED WILSON SURROUNDED BY some of his

graphs with the team's name and the score. The best printers in the class write the names and figures on the graphs. And then there is Susan Light, who is the class quality control agent.

Light makes sure that the finished graphs are proportioned correctly and that everything is neat and legible. She has been

known to send graphs back if a student has made it lopsided.

"All the kids have a responsibility," Wilson said. "One of my students colored so many graphs she wore a blister on her finger. She colored so beautifully that the other students wanted her to help color their graphs."

Aside from all the great things

that the coaches send the students, the students themselves are learning a great deal over the school year. The improvement rate on math skills is accelerating and the students retain more of the information.

At the beginning of the school year, some students thought that Wilson's math class — which is

(Staff photo by Pam Doecke-Hurd)

thirty math students at Wilson Elementary School.

accelerated would be too tough for them and even some parents called Wilson stating their concern that their child was finding the work too demanding.

"But now those same students wouldn't want out for anything," Wilson exclaimed.

## Watson seeks health document registry

With more and more people signing documents specifying their wishes about health care, State Sen. Frank C. Watson (R-Greenview) believes a state registry is needed to help assure that signers' decisions can be carried out.

Watson is sponsoring Senate Bill 502, which would create a Health Care Decision Central Registry in the Secretary of State's Office where people could file documents such as living wills, health care powers of attorney and anatomical gifts. These would then be available in case of emergency.

"Recent court cases involving terminally ill people have dem-

onstrated the need for living wills and health care powers of attorney," Watson said.

"If someone has gone into an irreversible coma or is terminally ill and has never expressed his or her wishes about continuing life support in such circumstances, family or friends might have to go through the trauma of a court case to have life-sustaining treatment halted."

Watson said, this problem can usually be avoided if the sick person has signed a living will,

which states the person's wishes about life support, and a health care power of attorney, which designates another person to make health care decisions if the signer becomes unable to do so.

"Every adult ought to prepare these documents, and it really isn't difficult," Watson said. "In fact, my Carlyle office can supply forms to be used. A signor can fill them out, have them witnessed and give copies to family members, friends and physicians. If my bill is approved,

they will also be able to file copies with the Health Care Decision Central Registry."

Watson said people who want living will and health care power of attorney forms can call or write to his district office, 594-5553, 800 Franklin St., Carlyle, Ill. 62231.

Those who want to arrange for anatomical gifts should consult their physicians or local hospitals, he said.

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## Epilepsy group seeks 'Winning Kid' candidates

The Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois, local affiliate of the Epilepsy Foundation of America, is looking for a youngster between the ages of 6 and 11 to represent the area as its 1991 "Winning Kid" poster child.

The winning candidate will also be the affiliate's entry in the foundation's national "Winning Kid" contest.

Cheryl Shaughnessy, director of Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois, said that any

boy or girl between the ages of 6 and 11 is eligible if he or she has epilepsy.

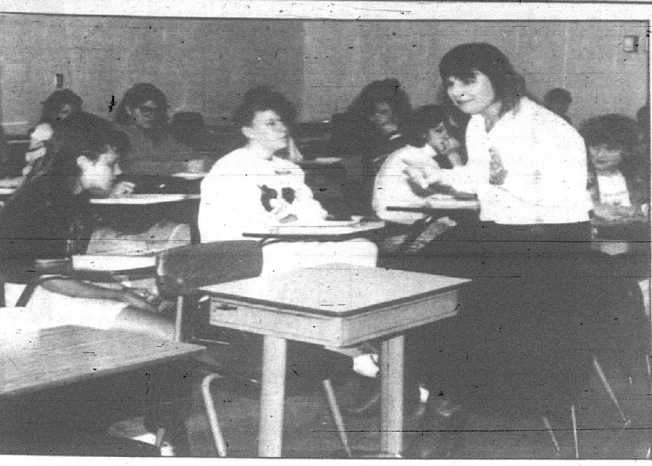
"About three quarters of a million American children have seizure disorders," said Shaughnessy, "and there is approximately 1 percent of the population of all ages who have this common neurological disorder."

Each year a "Winning Kid" is chosen to dramatize the fact that many people with epilepsy can lead relatively normal lives with the help of medications and bet-

ter public understanding of the disorder.

About 50-60 percent of those with epilepsy can completely control their seizures. Another 20-25 percent attain partial control.

Entry blanks for the contest may be obtained by contacting Cindy Freeman at 236-2181, or by writing the Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois, 1260 Caseyville Ave., Swansea, Ill. 62221. The local contest closes July 1.



(Photo by Basil Shelton)

**MAKING CHOICES:** Linda Wagner from "Girls Incorporated" speaks with girls 12 to 15 years old at a Women Helping Women seminar held Saturday at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. Wagner discussed the benefits of education in career advancement.

## Landfill expansion draws opponents, supporters

ROXANA — Opponents of a proposed landfill expansion in Roxana say they want water, not trash.

But a supporter speaking at a public hearing Monday said the landfill would not affect the aquifer that supplies water to several municipalities.

Laidlaw Waste Systems Inc. is seeking permission for a 55-acre expansion of its 63-acre landfill.

"None of us can afford to play Russian roulette with our drinking water," said Charles Criswell, a member of Save All Farmland and Environmental Resources.

He was one of five area residents who spoke Monday at the session of a public hearing on the expansion. The Village Board already has taken testimony from the Laidlaw, the Madison County Conservation Alliance and Madison County government.

Criswell said the landfill is in "an improper site" because of its proximity to Cahokia Creek.

"It's time to stop putting huge landfills on, over and near our precious aquifer," said George Arnold, a retired professor of

environmental engineering and chairman of the Conservation Alliance. "The landfill expansion is not needed."

But Don McVey of Roxana reiterated his support. "I'm no more concerned than I was during the previous hearings, and I'll be drinking the same water as everyone else will. The county has been coming up with a solid waste plan for seven of eight years now, and we can't wait forever."

Clarence Bohm and Harry Parker of rural Edwardsville both expressed concerns about leaks from the landfill. "I invite Laidlaw to detail how they're going to repair a leak," Bohm said. "Maybe you (Village Board) won't see the day, but your children and grandchildren may be around when the landfills start leaking."

Landfill expansions only postpone the necessity of recycling, he added.

Arnold, who spoke for more than the five-minute limit imposed by hearing officer Dwight Taylor, said the hearing was unfair.

"We're not allowed time to

talk," he said. "I've heard the proponents for two and a half days, but the interveners are not even allowed a half day. Evidence has not been admitted which is pertinent. You have rejected information from our home state, but accepted that of a Canadian company (Laidlaw)."

Written comments on the proposal expansion may be filed with the Roxana village clerk before May 15.

The Village Board, meeting as a Pollution Control Board, will make a decision on the expansion by June 26. That decision is subject to approval by the state.

—From The Alton Telegraph

## Poplar Street ramps to be strengthened

By Ed Gurney  
Staff writer

The approaches in Illinois to the Poplar Street Bridge will be replaced with structures less susceptible to earthquake damage in a \$38 million project scheduled to begin in 1993, the Illinois Department of Transportation announced Thursday.

The department will replace the supporting piers as well as the deck of the 3,000-foot curved bridge that starts just east of the Mississippi River.

The new structure will be designed to remain standing after an earthquake that reaches 7.2 on the Richter scale, which is likely to occur only once every 500 years. The October 1989 San Francisco earthquake registered 7.1.

The bridge complex withstood a 5.5-scale quake in November 1968, but a \$50-million study by the Sverdrup Corp. determined that the existing bridge approaches, built in 1963 and 1964, might not withstand a more severe earthquake. A quake registering 7 is actually 100 times as severe as a quake registering 5.

Daily volume on the Poplar Street Bridge complex is 120,000 vehicles.

The structures to be replaced carry the main lanes of traffic eastbound and westbound.

Under a traffic plan unveiled by IDOT District Engineer Dale Klorh, the number of lanes available to rush hour traffic will not be reduced during construction.

Work on the supporting structures will begin before the approaches are closed to traffic.

The westbound structure will be closed for replacement between April and December 1994. The eastbound approach structure will be closed from April to December 1995.

The new improvements are timed to occur after the current renovation project is completed. IDOT knew it wanted to

replace the deck and superstructure, which is the upper portion of the bridge. Sverdrup's study showed that existing support piers would require extensive reconstruction to make them capable of withstanding severe earthquake damage and that it would be more cost-effective to build 51 new supports.

The piers will be supported by steel pilings driven 120 feet to bedrock. This was recommended to overcome the loss of strength in water-saturated soil caused by shaking that occurs during an earthquake. The saturated soil becomes like quicksand during an earthquake.

The existing piers for the approach do not rest on bedrock. The project will include provide two 12-foot traffic lanes, a 10-foot shoulder on the right side and a four-foot shoulder on the left side.

Currently, there are only two 12-foot lanes and a three-foot shoulder. "When there is a disabled vehicle, it causes a monumental traffic jam," Klorh said.

The new design will feature five steel or concrete girders under the deck instead of the existing two girders. The new design should reduce the amount of structural fatigue and cracking, said Ralph Anderson, IDOT engineer of bridges and structures.

The new design will also include a new type of bearing under the superstructure that would do a better job of absorbing the shock of a quake, Anderson said.

IDOT is also planning to replace the decks on the Frendley Avenue and Fourth Street overpasses and resurface the highway pavement between Trendley and Broadway, adding \$3 million to the cost.

IDOT is also evaluating the Tudor Avenue, Illinois 3 ramps and the outer roads for earthquake safety. This study by Sverdrup will be completed in 1992.

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# State plans improvements at Ill. 157 entrance to SIUE

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff-writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Staff and students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville could soon find it easier getting to the university from Route 157.

The state plans to install traffic lights and a 12-foot-wide left-turn lane from northbound Route 157. The work might be finished by the start of the school's fall quarter.

At its meeting Tuesday night, the Edwardsville City Council, approved a letter of understanding from the Illinois Department of Transportation outlining its plan for the improvements. According to that letter, the city has very little responsibility for the project.

Bill Tutka, the city's public works director, said the city will only have to relocate a 10-inch water main. Tutka said he did not know how long the

affected main was or how long the relocation might take, but he doesn't think the job would be much of a problem.

"It's in a wide-open space, not surrounded by houses," Tutka said. "That makes it an easier job right there."

Tutka said IDOT will seek bids for the project June 21. The work should begin 30 to 60 days after that.

In its letter, IDOT estimates the cost of the project at \$230,000. The letter also said that IDOT will enter into a separate agreement with SIUE to share those costs.

IDOT and SIUE will also share maintenance of the project, with the state paying two-thirds of that expense and SIUE paying one-third. Edwardsville will pay the electricity bill for the traffic lights.

In another improvement project, the City Council agreed to seek bids for 45 Bradford pear

trees to be placed along Main Street in the downtown area. The cost of the project is not in excess of \$5,000.

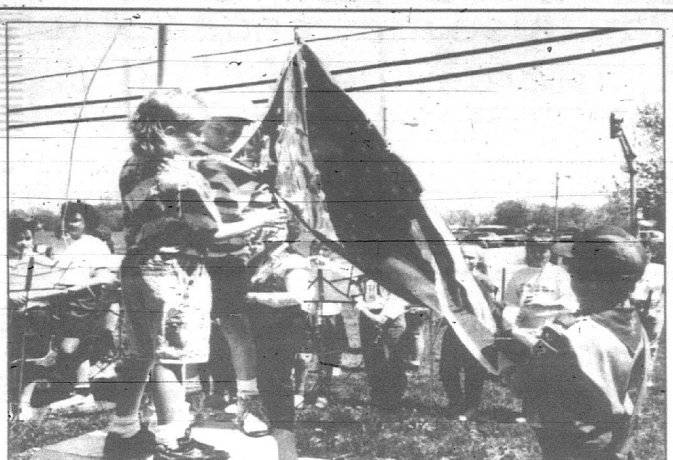
The proposal developed after the city's Public Services Committee studied the idea for three months.

"There aren't too many things we can do for as little money to add so much to the city," Ward 2 Alderman Roland Brumitt said.

The trees, which grow 6 to 7 feet tall, would be planted by professional landscapers. Brumitt said City employees would have to prepare some of the intended sites for trees by removing dead trees, some of which have been enclosed in concrete, Brumitt said.

Brumitt also asked that \$400 to \$500 be allocated in the city's budget to pay for annual care of the trees.

Brumitt said he hoped swift action would be taken.



(Staff photo by Pam Deeske-Hurd)

**OLD GLORY:** Sixth graders at Maryville Elementary School raise the United States flag during a special program that the students presented to honor area veterans Monday afternoon. From left are Scott Jackson, Mikal Guffey and Joseph Humphreys.

## Haine seeks law for prosecution of crimes aboard gambling boats

EDWARDSVILLE — The Madison County state's attorney wants state law to specify where someone accused of a crime aboard a gambling boat will be tried.

The law should clarify that prosecution will be in the county where the floating casino is docked, Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said. Haine also said he anticipates approving a request from Alton Riverboat Gambling Partnership Inc. to train dealers on shore without fear of prosecution.

Haine said he is sending a letter to lawmakers and the State Gambling Board urging action to clear up any confusion about venue.

"When the boat is moving, no one may particularly notice which county they are in and if someone was robbed on the boat, I could see a lot of defense lawyers filing motions about venue."

Under present law, he said, the state's attorney's jurisdiction extends into the river.

Changing the law to declare that venue exists in the county where the boat docks would prevent defense lawyers from raising the issue of where the crime was committed, he said.

"I don't need the extra work nor am I seeking more turf, but I think we should settle this now to avoid any confusion over ven-

ue."

State Gaming Board spokesman Jim Nelson said the staff will look at Haine's proposal. "It's probably a good question relating to trials," he said.

Haine said the issue stemmed from Madison County Sheriff Bob Church's argument that he had law enforcement jurisdiction on the river.

However, Haine said he believed Church should be able to assign a deputy to the cruises because the State Police officer would primarily be there to monitor gambling.

Haine also said he expected to approve a request from J. Thomas Long, managing partner of the Alton floating casino venture, for casino dealer training onshore.

Otherwise equipment could be seized because the law only provides a specific exemption while on the boats.

"Even though it (training on land) may be a technical violation, it's unintentional because the law anticipated trained dealers on the games would be conducted fairly."

— From The Alton Telegraph

Senior aides being hired

Belleville Area College's Senior Aides Program is looking for people to hire in Madison County.

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of positions ranging from secretarial to custodial.

For eligibility, the annual income guideline is \$8,275 for one or \$11,000 for two persons in the home; \$2,825 is added for each additional unemployed family member living in the home.

June Stucke, Madison County coordinator, said the program is in need of two persons with light typing skills and one person for maintenance work.

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## Cruse honored for 40 years of public service

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — The Madison County Board honored some of its own Wednesday, presenting plaques to three members and welcoming a new one.

Also honored was Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse for 40 years of distinguished public service.

A resolution honoring the mayor, who began his political career as an alderman in 1951, was read by County Board Chairman Nelson Hagman and was approved unanimously.

The resolution cited many of Cruse's civic memberships as well as his "devotion to the betterment of the community."

It will be inscribed on a plaque that will be presented to Cruse at a dinner being held in the mayor's honor, Hagman said.

The first order of business in Wednesday's meeting was the resignation of Fred Dalton, D-Collinsville, who was elected mayor of that city earlier this month.

His replacement, James Fitzgerald, was later sworn in and took his seat with the County Board.

"I'm sure you realize you've got some very big shoes to fill," Hagman told Fitzgerald after congratulating him.

Dalton was also honored with a plaque in recognition of his 17 years of service on the board. Former member Frederick



Mayor Von Dee Cruse work cited

"Beef" Heepke was also presented with a plaque for his four years of service. Heepke, a Republican, was defeated by Mike Fruth, D-Edwardsville, in November.

Leroy Kuehnle, D-East Alton, who tendered his resignation at the last meeting for health reasons, also received a plaque.

Kuehnle's wife, Mary Beth, will replace him at next month's meeting.

## Pay raise may cause pinch at attorney-general offices

GRANITE CITY — The attorney general's regional office in Granite City, serving an eight-county area, may be facing cutbacks if a request for additional funds is denied.

The attorney general's office is seeking an additional \$154,000 for the fiscal year that ends June 30. "We probably wouldn't shut the regional offices but there would be cuts," Deputy Illinois Attorney General Thomas Dodge told a joint hearing of the Senate Appropriations I and II committees. Additional hearings are scheduled.

At least 50 people could be laid off statewide if the request for more money is not approved, he said.

Dodge said the attorney general's office needs the extra money because of a union agreement signed by Attorney General

al Roland Burris' predecessor, Neil Hartigan, in the last hours of Hartigan's term.

The provisions of the two-year contract were "beyond the control of this administration," Dodge told senators.

The agreement, which covers about 350 workers represented by Illinois Federation of Teachers/Teamsters Local 916, included a 3 percent pay increase retroactive to Nov. 1. No attorneys

are included in the bargaining unit, Dodge said.

The committee heard testimony on the request last week but took no formal action.

No decisions have been made on which offices would face staff reductions, said Ernie Slottag, a spokesman for Burris.

Most of the layoffs are expected in Chicago and Springfield but Dodge said the regional offices would also feel the pinch.

## Panama Jax official faces drug charges

By David Migoya  
Staff writer

EAST ST. LOUIS — Danny Cox, one of the incorporators of the Panama Jax nightclub in Collinsville, was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday for allegedly conspiring to deliver more than five kilograms of cocaine.

An attorney for Cox had intimated several weeks ago that his client might be charged with drug dealing if he refused to testify against Collinsville developer Gary Fears.

Cox, 42, of 1661B Lafayette Court in Collinsville, also was charged with selling more than 200 grams of cocaine to federal and state undercover drug agents in November.

Cox was arrested at another business he owns, Tan Central Station in Maryland Heights, Mo., on April 10. Federal magistrate Gerald B. Cohn on Wednesday ordered Cox jailed pending Cohn's decision on whether to release Cox on bail.

Agents with the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation assisted agents with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in arresting Cox.

Last month, Cox testified before a Madison County grand jury investigating the death of Belleville real estate developer Frank E. O'Donnell Sr.

That investigation is being led by DCI agents.

Cox later told reporters he believed anyone associated with Fears, developer of Eastport Plaza in Collinsville, and owner of the Holiday Inn there, was being questioned in the O'Donnell investigation.

Cox has described himself, as an old friend of Fears.

O'Donnell was found dead Nov. 17 in a room at the Quality Inn in Collinsville. Sources have said the investigation into his death is centered around O'Donnell's various business dealings and business partners.

Court records in various locations show Fears and O'Donnell were partners in several business dealings and that O'Donnell personally owed Fears thousands of dollars in loans.

James Martin, attorney for Cox, told reporters that the grand jury reviewed audio tapes of conversations between Cox and another man, Joseph Sterkis. In the tapes, Sterkis allegedly told Cox of money to be made on an insurance deal.

A pair of life insurance policies on O'Donnell have been factors in the investigation.

Fears' son Victor collected on one of the policies when O'Donnell died.

When Cox testified March 21, Martin alleged that Cox "might be charged" with drug dealing if he didn't testify against Fears.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Porter, who is prosecuting Cox, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The indictment against Cox alleges he was involved with two "unsubstantiated" co-conspirators, Sterkis and James Vitale.

If convicted, Cox could face life in prison on each delivery charge and up to 20 years on the other charge.

Sources say Sterkis, 37, of Sorento, Ill., was a paid drug informant for federal authorities. Sterkis was charged with obstructing justice last year for fleeing police to avoid testifying in the Kathy Gaultney murder trial in Madison County. She was convicted of killing her husband, who allegedly told police about her drug dealings.

Following her conviction, Gaultney, of Highland, told authorities where to find the alleged leader of the marijuana ring, Roy Vernon Dean. He and others involved in the ring, which allegedly used local tanning salons as money laundering points, were captured and indicted by federal authorities.

Charges against Sterkis were dropped following the Gaultney case.

## East Side plans 50-year class reunion

The East St. Louis High School classes of June and January 1941 will hold their 50-reunion at 6 p.m. June 8 at the Belleville Elk's Club, South Illinois Street, Belleville.

Class pictures will be taken, followed by dinner and dancing. A hospitality room will be open to all classmates on Fri., June 7 at the Hyatt Lodge. For reservations or more information call Anne Hardin Smith at 234-4410 or

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**READY TO EAT?:** Cindy Mills, administrative intern principal at Prather Elementary School, slices hot dogs that Army Maj. Ron Lykins, a helicopter pilot, brought with him when he visited the school. The hot dogs came from the "Meals Ready to Eat" packages that were breakfast, lunch and dinner for U.S. troops during the Gulf War. Unlike the troops, the children enjoyed the snacks.

## Observant area TV watchers help police catch criminal

One of America's Most Wanted criminals is behind bars again because two East Alton residents saw a familiar face.

East Alton police and Madison County sheriff's deputies captured convicted murderer Marti Ann Greer, 21, of Morehouse, Mo., Monday night in a Fifth Street home.

Greer escaped March 28 from the Renz Correctional Center in Cedar City, Mo. She is serving a life prison sentence for the murder of her boyfriend.

Greer probably walked and hitchhiked from the prison and arrived Friday in East Alton. Greer doesn't have relatives in East Alton, Police Chief William Shewmaker said.

"She met a guy in a bar here and went home with him," the chief said. "She couldn't remember the name of the bar."

Tips from two informants led police to the Fifth Street home. Shewmaker said. He declined to release the informants' names.

"The informants saw the (TV) show Friday night and they thought they saw her," Shewmaker said. "They called America's Most Wanted and the penitentiary."

"Then they came in here and looked at photographs they faxed to us, and it was the correct suspect."

Assistant State's Attorney Todd Taplin and Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner came to East Alton to authorize a search warrant for the house.

Meanwhile, assignment editors

for the Fox Television Network program hired a free-lance camera crew from St. Louis to film the arrest.

America's Most Wanted is expected to show footage of Greer's arrest this week, Shewmaker said. The program is shown at 7 p.m. Friday on KJNL-TV, Channel 30.

Police were prepared to break into the home and conduct a canine search. However, the doors were wide open when police arrived at 7:18 p.m., Shewmaker said.

Police found Greer and four other people sitting around a table playing cards. Greer's luck had run out.

"We made the arrest with no incident," Shewmaker said. "There were no weapons in the house."

Police confirmed Greer's identity when they found a star tattoo on her left middle finger, a cross tattoo on her right wrist and the initials LAT tattooed on her right shoulder, Shewmaker said.

Greer and another convicted murderer serving a life sentence, Lisa Harris, 21, of Neesho, Mo., escaped the maximum security prison by cutting a fence, authorities said.

Bryan Goeke, the prison's superintendent, said officials haven't determined how they cut the fence. "We never found any tools outside or inside the prison," he said.

The Missouri Highway Patrol conducted an intense search for

two days after the escape. America's Most Wanted heard about the search and called the prison, Goeke said.

"They must have seen it on the teletype," Goeke said. "They told us they wanted to do a segment and that they could help. Apparently they did."

— From The Alton Telegraph

## Women of Achievement ceremony May 17

A luncheon honoring 10 outstanding 1990 Women of Achievement will be held at noon May 17 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Clayton. The occasion, sponsored by the Suburban Journals and KMOX Radio, pays tribute to the exceptional women selected for the significant contributions they have made to the St. Louis community.

Tickets are \$25 per person, and may be ordered by sending a check to: Women of Achievement, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis,

63131. Checks should be made payable to the Suburban Journals.

Reservations are by mail order only. The deadline for reservations is May 3. Seating will be at tables of 10. People wishing to sit together should make group reservations and pay at the same time. Those attending the luncheon on behalf of a particular honoree also should include the name of the honoree. Kathie Hartley, traffic and news reporter for KMOX, will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

The program includes an invocation by Monsignor John Rognquist and a welcome by St. Louis County Executive George "Buzz" Westfall. Thomas J. Jace, president of the Suburban Journals, and Robert Hyland, CBS senior vice president and KMOX Radio general manager, will honor the 10 community leaders. Music will be provided by the Lenny Klinger Ensemble. With the announcement of the 1990 Women of Achievement, 361 have been honored since the award's inception 36 years ago.

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## Obituaries



**Barbara Hadley**  
**Hadley**

Barbara M. (Boerckel) Hadley, 68, of Venice died at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 1991, at St. Louis University Medical Center. She was born in Venice for a short time, she had been a patient since Monday.

Born June 3, 1924, in Granite City, she resided in Venice for 39 years. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Venice and Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary 1098.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Hadley, whom she married Aug. 10, 1952.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ethel (Boerckel) Hadley.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Iron Church, 2850 Maryville Road. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 600 Broadway, Venice.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

## Thoma

Leonard F. Thoma, 75, of Freeburg died at 5:09 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 1991, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville.

Mr. Thoma was born Dec. 8, 1915, in Danville, Ill. A retired Granite City Steel pipefitter, he was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Freeburg and the Freeburg Sportsman Club.

Survivors include his wife, Helmina, Heligenstein Thoma, two sons, Dennis Thoma of Freeburg and David Thoma of Russellville, Ky., two daughters, Susan Stabinski and Ann Thoma, both of Freeburg, one brother, Lawrence Thoma of New Port Lucie, Fla., one sister, Marie Lemquary of Paris, Ill., and nine grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Freeburg. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested for the St. Joseph Parish Center, Freeburg.

Reimer and Sons Funeral Home in Belleville was in charge of arrangements.

## Gray

Bessie B. Gray, 86, of Madison died at 8:10 p.m. Friday, April 12, 1991, at her home in Madison, where she had been a patient for three weeks.

Mrs. Gray was born April 19, 1904, in Como, Miss., and had been a resident of the Metro East area for many years. She was a member of the Quin Mission African Methodist Episcopal Church, Eagle Park.

Survivors include one daughter, Blanche Borders of Madison, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Quin Mission Church, with the Rev. Lee Pittman officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, was in charge of arrangements.

## Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City area governmental taxing bodies include:

- Nomeick Township, 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, Township Hall, 4250 Illinois 162, Pontoon Beach.
- Chouteau Township, 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, Township Hall, 906A Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.
- Granite City School Board, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, Board Office, 20th and Adams streets.
- Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.
- Pontoon Beach Village Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, Village Hall, 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.
- Venice City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, City Hall, Broadway and Klein Street, Venice.
- Granite City Park District, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Park Office, Fehling Road and Benton Street.

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## Stokes

Billie Joe Stokes, 62, of Granite City died at 3:10 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 1991, at the John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis. He had been ill for 13 years and a patient for three weeks.

Born Aug. 1, 1928, in Willard, Mo., he resided in Granite City for one year, having previously resided in Madison. He was employed as an over-the-road driver for six years at MCI Trucking Co. in Joplin, Mo., retiring in 1980.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean war, serving from 1951 to 1953, and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Evelyn (Edwards) Stokes, whom he married April 26, 1959, in St. Louis; two sons, Robert William Stokes of Granite City and Melvin A. Floyd of Dupo; two daughters, Shirley Maxine Cole and Leona Irene Maxwell, both of Saudi Arabia; two brothers, Richard Stokes of St. Louis and Jackie Stokes of San Jose, Calif.; one sister, Helen Marie Brown of Grove Springs, Mo.; and a granddaughter, Conrad of Granite City. 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin L. and Elsie (Chandler) Stokes.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. today (Sunday) at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Siedringhaus Ave., where services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

## Murphy

Dollie Brown (Gould) Murphy, 88, of Chokio died Wednesday, April 17, 1991, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Mrs. Murphy was born May 26, 1902, in Mayfield, Ark. She was a homemaker and a member of Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Cahokia.

Survivors include one son, Robert C. Lester of north St. Louis County; two daughters, Delpha M. Phillips of Cahokia and Doris M. Radford of Whitesburg, Ga.; one brother, Jay Gould of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; three grandsons, Zeno Prince of Pocahontas, Ark., and Leslie Crawford and Christine Roberts, both of Granite City; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel F. Brown, and one son, Junior Lee Lester.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Braun Colonial Funeral Home, Cahokia, with the Rev. Margaret H. Smith officiating. Graveside services were held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

## Vaught

Bonnie L. Ramsey Vaught, 56, of Granite City died at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been ill for four months and in the hospital for nine days.

Born Nov. 1, 1934, in Miller County, Mo., she was a lifelong resident of Granite City. Mrs. Vaught was owner and operator of State Radio and T.V. Service for 34 years. She was of the Protestant faith and active in many civic organizations.

Survivors include her husband, James E. Vaught of Granite City; two sons, Michael Vaught of Palm Bay, Fla., and Christopher Vaught of Granite City; one daughter, Linda Vaught of St. Louis; her mother, four brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Mercer Mortuary, with the Rev. A.E. Cope, officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, near Edwardsville.

## Laidlaw

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April through December, according to Juergens.

Any additional bags (over the two-bag weekly limit) required by the resident to call the Laidlaw office, and will be picked up at a charge of \$1 per bag, Juergens added.

"At two bags per week," Juergens continued, "at \$1.25 per bag," it doesn't take long to add up to more than the new rate.

Juergens said the new system allows the company to "route" its yard waste to the nearest facility requiring it to cover every area of the city at all times.

"I appreciate the patience you've had with us, and again apologize for not communicating with each and every one of you," Juergens said.

He added that office personnel had also had difficulty explaining the new program over the telephone to customers.

Alderman Paul Fisk said, "The thing that really bothers me about this was the communication. I learned about it in the newspaper — and also that you took away the senior citizen discount."

"The fact that this thing was thrown at us, carte blanche, without any notification whatsoever, is a tremendous problem," Fisk said.

"I wish you (Juergens) had my phone bill or my telephone calls. I'd like to direct every one of them to you. I felt like it was just a very poor way to conduct your business, and I'm angry about it," Fisk concluded.

Alderman Dan Partney asked Juergens what Laidlaw has been "beyond" past procedures, since the new legislation took effect.

Juergens explained that Laidlaw must now send out an extra truck specifically to remove yard waste, and deposit the waste in the closest dump in Edwardsville, rather than at a landfill.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse asked what precautions are taken to prevent seepage from the compost into ground water.

Juergens said he was not qualified to answer the question, as that procedure is not under his realm of responsibility.

## Girl

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two helping her body deal with any possible rejection of the new organ.

This medication causes the body's natural immune system to become less effective, making her vulnerable to any infectious disease, her mother said.

Even a common cold could pose serious problems for the child.

Sunset is a second grade pupil at Mitchell School. She was born with a healthy heart and was a normally healthy child until becoming ill in December when she contracted a virus.

The virus attacked the heart and damaged it, her mother said.

"We were really lucky. We only had to wait for a little over a month before Sunset got a (donated) heart. The doctors said it's usually a two-to-four-month wait, at least."

"That was a worrying time as she could have had heart failure before we became available."

"They (physicians) had built her up so she was pretty strong when they did the operation. And she is a fighter," Sherri Bristow said.

"All her doctors are really pleased how she is doing."

Sunset's new heart was airlifted from Texas to Glenison Hospital, where the child was waiting. She knew what was going on. They told her everything they were going to do.

"She wasn't frightened and said she wanted to get it over with so she could feel better. Sunset hadn't felt well since December," her mother said.

"When we walked with her to the operating room, all she said was that she wanted me and her daddy (Jeff Bristow) to be there when she woke up. We were."

Sunset remained at Glenison until April 15. She went back to the hospital clinic on Thursday for some blood work and everything looked fine, her mother said.

Next Thursday, the small girl will return to the hospital for a one-day stay to get a biopsy done along with other tests.

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## New trash hauler proposed

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The city may have a new trash service provider as of June 1.

Presented for adoption Tuesday night will be two resolutions dealing with the city's waste hauling and landfill services contracts.

The first resolution is to reject Laidlaw Waste Systems Inc.'s most recent proposal to the city, and the second resolution proposes to execute an agreement with Waste Management of Metro East to provide waste disposal and landfill services to the city.

## Teen

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years. With this, the chances of (Leon) coming out (of prison) the way he came in.

Gitchoff is working on an appeal of the verdict but it won't come in time to keep Leon, who is to be sentenced May 9, from spending more time behind bars. The youth faces a minimum 20-year sentence.

"If the tables were turned and Leon were dead, and it easily could have been, I'd still think it was self-defense," said Viva Mann, Leon's half sister. "You never think it can happen to someone you love, but it can."

The family roundly criticized the lack of police action at "the caves," a popular teen hang-out near where the stabbing occurred.

The partying is still going on

## Dogs

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Zachary sleeps with his toy dog and takes it to preschool, but he'd temporarily traded in the stuffed pet for a model truck when he visited the Press-Record Journal office on Thursday afternoon.

The transport truck with its several connecting parts was in a box, which he clutched in his right hand.

Zachary's left hand was protected by a large plaster cast, shaped almost like a boxing glove.

The youngster grinned and his eyes sparkled with mischief. "It's mine, mine," he said, pointing to the truck that was a present from a neighbor.

"He was feeling pretty good yesterday and ate well, but he's a bit nervous about the cereal today," Sandy Jenkins said.

There were no outward effects from the shots, administered just a few hours earlier in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, but he stayed close to his mother during the visit.

It took four people to hold him down while he got the shots and then he went to sleep for a couple of hours after we got him home."

## Raise

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City Comptroller Kim MacTaggart said the street department increase from two to three and one-half percent will cost the city an additional \$16,472 in fiscal 1991 and \$33,096 more in fiscal 1992 for a total increase of \$49,568.

The sanitation increase will cost the city \$2,947 for fiscal 1991 and \$6,007 in fiscal 1992, MacTaggart said, for a total of \$8,954.

MacTaggart said the estimated increases in cost are over and above the originally negotiated two percent wage increases.

MacTaggart said that, if the raises were to be offset by layoffs — and he emphasized there has been no decision to lay off anyone — two or three city employees would be affected.

The Laidlaw resolution states that, although the mayor was authorized to propose agreements with Laidlaw in December of 1990, Laidlaw rejected the agreements and offered a counterproposal.

But because Laidlaw's counteroffers are deemed "unacceptable and not to be in the best interests of the city," the resolution states, the mayor is authorized to give notice to Laidlaw that its services are terminated.

Laidlaw has been providing services to the city on an "as needed" basis.

The Waste Management res-

up there," said Sherry George, another half sister of Leon's.

"How many deaths is it going to take before they do something about this?" she asked.

The family members said they still have a lot of questions, some of which they know can never be answered.

"I don't know what really happened up there and I don't think those boys know what really happened, either," Mann said, adding that the youths had been drinking heavily.

Hayes admits that her son is no saint, getting into occasional scrapes as most teens do, but she contends that he is "basically a good kid."

"Reminders of Leon are all over the home's living room."

There are a wooden porch swing and a wishing well, both miniature versions made by

home," she said.

Madison police had picked up a statue of Leon in Madison and taken it to the Madison County Humane Shelter. There, Sandy Jenkins went to inspect the animal on Wednesday.

"It was really strange. Every dog in the place was bouncing on the cages and barking and this dog just laid there acting strange, cringing down."

"We're going back tomorrow (Friday) and taking my older son to look at the dog."

Ray Jenkins, 9, was about a block away when the attack occurred. "He saw the dog running away and might be able to identify it," his mother said.

Zachary, 5-year-old sister, Mandy, was outside with her brother and had just come indoors to tell her mother that Zachary was playing rough with her when Zachary ran to the house screaming.

They were two doors down the street when it happened, but I think the dog must have stayed with him all the way to our house, the way his clothes were torn. They said the dog just came out of nowhere."

Mandy was very frightened and could not give a complete description of the animal. It is thought to be a fairly large black Labrador-type dog.

During Zachary's stay at the medical center, a plastic surgeon had re-attached one finger to the hand and repaired two other fingers.

"We couldn't find the ends of the other two fingers," Sandy Jenkins said. "I don't think he'll ever have fingernails on them again."

One of Zachary's fingers is sewn into the palm of his hand for skin graft purposes, she said.

"It's funny what you do in times of stress and I don't know if he's on the porch and not to move when we went to the hospital."

"Some friends came over to the house later and he (Ray) was still sitting there. There was blood all over the kitchen and he didn't seem to know who or where we were. I guess I'd lost it for a time."

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## Costello to appear at BAC symposium

U.S. Rep. Carl C. Perkins of Kentucky and Jerry F. Costello of Illinois will headline a list of speakers at a special symposium, "Examining Education for the '90s," on Monday, April 29, at the Belleville Campus of Belleville Area College.

The conference, jointly sponsored by Costello and BAC, is open to the public. Registration is \$20, which includes a buffet luncheon.

Other speakers will include the U.S. Education secretary's regional representative, Brian E. Carey; the Illinois Board of Higher Education's executive director, Dr. Richard Wagner; Illinois Community College Board Executive Director Cary A. Israel; the assistant state superintendent for adult, vocational and technical education, Dr. Richard J. Miguel; and BAC President Joseph J. Cipri, Ph.D.

"No topic is more important to the future of our nation than education," said Costello. "Its direction, its funding, its accountability—each is being scrutinized at every level of government and throughout the business community."

Perkins, a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, is chairman of the Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education.

More than \$39.4 million in federal funds under Perkins' legislation is set aside for Illinois in this fiscal year.

"We are delighted to co-sponsor this conference with Congressman Costello, an alumnus of BAC," said Dr. Cipri.

"Education is a most critical element in determining our quality of life and our economic viability."

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. All presentations will be held in the Varsity Gymnasium.

During the 100th Congress, Perkins played a major role in the reauthorization of the School Improvement Act of 1987, ensuring that money for concentration grants was more evenly divided among the rural south and urban areas.

Perkins' district lies in the heart of Appalachia and is one of the most densely populated rural areas in the nation.

Perkins continues to be heavily involved on the Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee in working for more affordable higher education and in addressing the student loan default problem.

He was first elected to Congress in 1984 to fill the unexpired term of his father, the late Carl D. Perkins.

Costello's House committee memberships include Public Works and Transportation; Science, Space and Technology; and the Select Committee on Aging.

As a member of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, Costello has secured funds to build a new Clark Bridge near Alton, passed legislation to create a new national, set-aside program to promote joint-use aviation, and secured appropriations to plan for extending a light-rail commuter line farther into Southwestern Illinois.

Costello serves as representative for U.S. Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander for Region V, based in Chicago.

Dr. Wagner has been a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education staff since 1969 and was appointed executive director in 1980.

For additional information or to register, the number is (618) 235-2700, extension 476, or toll-free in Illinois 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 476.



Carl Perkins



Jerry Costello

## First aid classes offered

The American Red Cross, St. Louis Bi-State Chapter, regularly offers emergency training courses to help people prevent and respond to emergencies.

Two emergency training courses are being offered at Scott Air Force Base in May.

Last year, nearly 40,000 people in the metropolitan St. Louis area received Red Cross emergency training.

The following emergency training courses will be held in May at Scott Air Force Base:

Infant/Child CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4.

Standard First Aid — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 8.

Fees for emergency training courses held at Red Cross offices range from \$16 to \$32.50. Advance registration and prepayment are required.

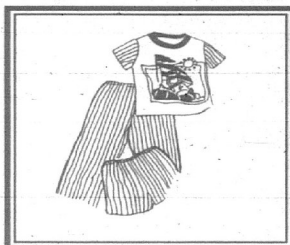
Businesses and other organizations can arrange for courses to be held at their locations.

Instructor courses also are available for people who wish to be certified or recertified to teach Red Cross courses.

For more information or to register for a course, the Red Cross can be called at (618) 397-4600 or (618) 256-1855.

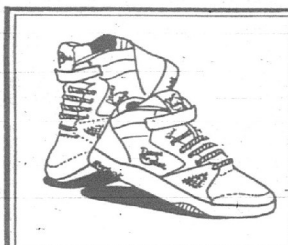
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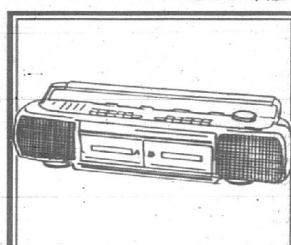
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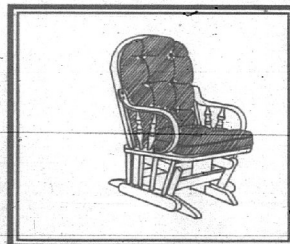
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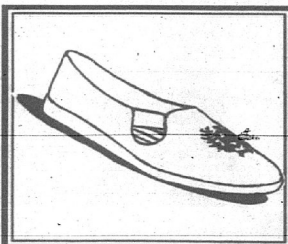
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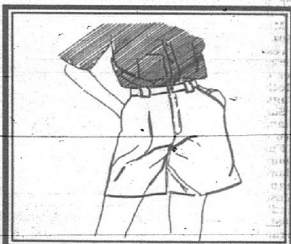
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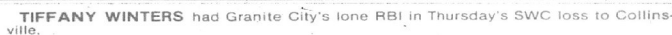


By Brian Henry  
Correspondent

"If we ever learn to run the bases, we'd be alright," Granite City coach John Hutchings said. "We're too slow off the bases. I don't know why the girls are so hesitant. We were outplayed and outthusted today."

Karen Sykes singled to put runners at first and third with only one out. After a Terri Buster groundout, Dawn Bazzell hit a grounder past short, but Sykes

"We haven't been a good home team," Hutchings said. "We can't get out of the first inning. We have to stop being so timid on the bases, especially if we plan on doing anything."

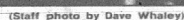


**By David Wilhelm**  
Staff writer

Bonebrake walked two and struck out four. The loss dropped the Kahoks to 10-4 overall and 4-1 in the SWC. They currently trail Belleville East by a half-

"I think anybody in the conference can beat anybody else," said Calza. "I think if — before

the all-time mark set by Oak Forest High School from 1984-86. Details of all the tournament games will appear in Wednesday's *Journal*.



**JEFF STEPHENS** and the Warriors finally snapped their losing streak against the Kahoks. The loss knocked Collinsville a half-game behind Belleville East in the SWC standings.

By Brian Henry  
Correspondent

Curry won the shot with a throw of 50-6 and also took first in the discus (157-5). That was his best toss of the season. Ron Selph of the Warriors was third in the discus with a throw of 129-4.

Tim White took fourth in the long jump with an effort of 19-10.

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**VICTORIOUS TROJANETTES** Front row, left to right, Latisha Hyster, DeAnna Griggs, Tishia Wellmaker. Back row: Latisha Swift, Yukeitha Gardner, Nicole Johnson, Christine Sellers, Shandala Forshee, Ianitia Walton. Not pictured: Tiffany Taylor and Joyce Robinson.

## Warriors blank Oilers

WOOD RIVER — The Lady Warriors chalked up another victory on Wednesday against Wood River.

Five different players scored as Granite City blanked the Oilers 5-0. Amanda Witter, Kami Kessel, Shawn Odom, Michelle Knox and Brooke Bjorkman found the net for the Lady Warriors.

The victory also marked the eighth time this season Granite City has blanked its opponent. Leslie Staveland took center stage by posting the shutout and coach Gene Baker attributes strong goaltending for the team's string defense.



Leslie is a very important member of our team," he said. "She's very strong in the nets and she does a good job of pushing Stephanie (Kull) in practice. There isn't any jealousy between the girls, but they're a couple of competitive kids."

The defense has also done a good job of marking their people out front. We're not allowing the opposition any good chances in the penalty area.

But Staveland injured her right knee with five minutes left in the game. Stopping a breakaway, she collided with a Wood River player and aggravated an old injury.

"She had surgery on that knee," Baker said. "She stayed in the game, despite the injury, but the knee stiffened up after the game. We're going to take it easy with her. We plan on going light with her in practice for the next few days."

"The last thing I want to do is to rush her back too soon. We need her in nets. She adds tre-

mendous depth to our goaltending."

Baker also praised the play of Kessel and Knox.

"Those girls are really coming on of late," he said. "Kessel's only a freshman and she's putting together an excellent game and Knox is showing a great deal of maturity for a sophomore."

But Baker says his team will get a stiff test this week. The Lady Warriors open the week by playing at Alton on Wednesday, and they host Incarnate Word on Friday.

Incarnate Word (11-0) is undefeated and ranked first in last week's Journal poll.

We knocked them off last season," Baker said. "They have a fine program and will give our girls a stiff test. I would rate Incarnate Word right up there with Oakville. They have good skill players and they do a good job of controlling the ball."

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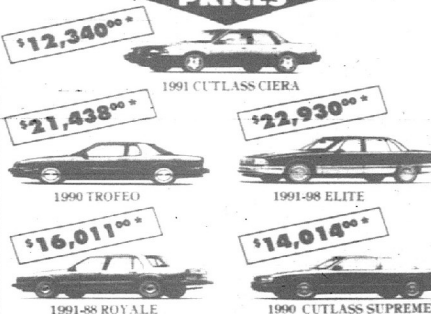
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## Trojanettes break century mark

**RED BUD** — The Trojanettes cleaned house at the Red Bud Frosh-Soph Invitational on Tuesday.

Madison scored 101 points and ran away from the field. Columbia managed to nail down second place with 92 points. Sparta was third with 78 and Freeburg was fourth with 67 points in the 10-team field.

Madison captured four events during the meet. Yukeitha Gardner won the 100 (12.57) and 200 meter dash (26.76). Shandala Forshee won the shotput with a throw of 30-5 and the 4x100 relay team (Taylor, Forshee, Robinson and Gardner) finished first in the time of 54.8.

Tekoa Wellmaker was fourth in the shotput with a toss of 30-6, while Latisha Hyster finished second in the 100 meter dash (14.8) and Tiffany Taylor finished second in the 200 meter dash

(29.4). The 800 medley team (Taylor, Joyce Robinson, Forshee, and Teresa Miller) was second in the time of 2:10.0 and the 4x200 relay team (Taylor, Forshee, Robinson and Taneka Williams) also finished second with a time of 2:02.0. DeAnna Griggs was third in the 400 meter dash

(71.4), while Miller was second in the 800 meter run (2:43.24) and the 1600 meter run (6:35.21).

Gardner also won the long jump with an effort of 14-10, while Wellmaker was fourth at that event (14-4). Wellmaker also finished fourth in the 100 (16.4) and went 44 in the 200 meter dash.

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# School

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## Briefly

### Coolidge band concert set

The Coolidge Junior High School Band has scheduled a performance for 7:30 p.m. May 2 in the high school auditorium. The band will perform the following musical selections: "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" from Fantasia; "The Simpsons"; "Pulsar" (a concert march); "Finale from Lincolnshire Posy"; "Theme from the Little Mermaid"; and "The Phantom of the Opera Medley."

The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

### Science Fair held

The Science Fair for sixth, seventh, eighth grades was held at Holy Family School on Sunday, April 5. Students were judged on neatness, originality, knowledge, and use of scientific method.

First place went to Mark Dittman, Michael Halbrook, Mark Hewlett, Buddy Prazma and Krtis Mangiaricino.

Second place: Bob Malotki, Michael Hellrich, Robert Lampitt, Matt Weissenborn, Sean Boyer, Greg Edwards, Kiki Hoff, Laura Marzluft, Emily Halvachs, April Wheatley, Jaime Zimmerman, Jaime Delbringe, Tim Goskie, Eric Mooshegan, Keith Seiz, Ken Felty, Ann Rosenberg, Suzanne Lerch, Jill Hellrich, Vanessa Dillard, Harper Mance, Melanie Tapp, Tracie Mell, Jodie Marsala, Jason Nesbit, Tracie Petrillo, Sarah Halvachs, Rene Brown, Amanda Preloger, Matt Laws, James Rooney, Eryn Ellis, and Ange Vasquez.

Third place: Danielle Lehne, Heather Guithness, Danny Lusics, Aaron Meyer, Sara Cuern, Jaime Carney, Matt Kelahan, John Haug, Jim Conrad, Bill Lamb, Anne Marie Davis, Tim George, Keith Miller, Rick Lamb, Jason Nann, Derrick Bucheck, Paula Obucina, Sonia Guerrero, Tom Cupples, Tom Guenther, Razonna Gardner, Cindy Costello, Niesha Mathis, Rasieda Johnson, Jeannie York, Mary Weinhoff, LaTasha Jackson, David Zimmerman, Nick Schwallbach, Josh Hildebrand, Heather Mel, Katie Richardson and Nichole Knobloch.

Receiving honorable mention were: Joe Gajowski, Scott Brimberry, Ryan Hampsey, Travon Horton, Chris Angie, Derrick Webb, Joe Huff, Lindie Rosenberg, Takisha Griggs, Marcos Guerrero, Dominic Spiffro, Ronata Johnson, Mark Miller, Tom Foley, Crystal Petrillo, Ronald Onay and David Reznack.

## 11 Young Authors are chosen

Eleven Young Authors representatives from Granite City Community Unit School District 9 have been chosen to represent the district at Illinois' 17th State-wide Young Authors Conference on Saturday, May 18, at Illinois State University in Normal.

The District Young Authors representatives are Andrea Malone, Jason Cox, Jon Reader, Jill Wozniak, Laura Sabol, Sarah Signall, Madrigal Vorce, Bryan Baker, Sarah Dettwiler, Sarah Shelton, and Eric Smith.

The day's activities on May 18 include small group sessions where students share manuscripts and engage in creative activities. An Illinois noted children's author presents an address after lunch, which is provided for the students. There is a concluding awards recognition assembly to which parents are invited. In the morning, parents have a special group meeting, where they gain further insight into children's writings.

Young Authors is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Reading Council and Illinois Language Experience. The purpose of the conference is to support classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' writing and reading abilities. All children in grades K-8 are encouraged to participate. This year, there were 98 manuscripts submitted in the



**DISTRICT YOUNG AUTHORS** Representatives for 1990-91: first row, left to right, Superintendent Gilbert Wainsley, Eric Smith, Madrigal Vorce, Laura Sabol, Sarah Shelton, Sarah Dettwiler and Bryan Baker. Second row from left, Jason Cox, Sarah Signall, Jon Reader, Jill Wozniak and Andrea Malone.

district. A team of 46 judges composed of students, teachers and parents read and rated the manuscripts. Eleven were chosen to represent the district. District representatives will also be honored at the Super-

tendent's Award Dinners on April 22, 24 or 29. Central Bank continues its sponsorship of district representatives, including the conference fee, framed certificates of award, and trophies. The Granite City Area Council

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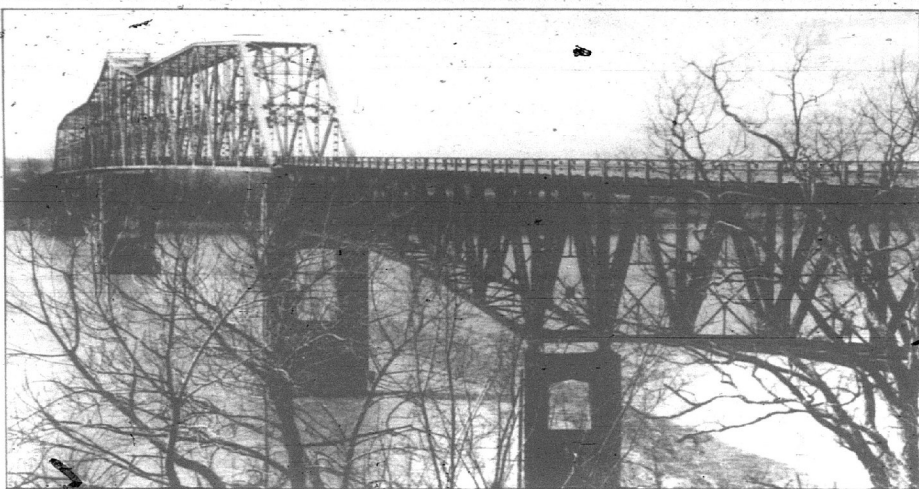
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group meets regularly at the Hartford Public Library. Members are from Alton, Wood River, Hartford, Granite City and Mitchell.

## Vocal music concert set for April 30 at high school

The Granite City High School Vocal Music Department will present its annual spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 in the high school auditorium.

The theme of the concert is "A Century of Song." Performances will include melodies from the beginning of the century to the music of today. The Swing Choir and Advanced Mixed Chorus will perform "Nickelodeon," a musical revue that includes the songs "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Maple Leaf Rag," "Basin Street Blues," "Rock-a-Bye Your Baby with a Dixie Melody," "College Days," "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," "You're the Cream in My Coffee," "Everybody Loves My Baby," "Me and My Shadow," "Won't You Charleston with Me," "The Varsity Drag," "Come Rain or Come Shine," "Pennies from Heaven," "But

ton up Your Overcoat," "Crazy Rhythm," "Hallelujah," "How High the Moon," "Juke Box Saturday Night," "The Joint Is Jumpin'," "Let's Dance," "I'll Be Seeing You," and "Opus One."

The Contando will sing "April Showers," "We Go Together," "Mr. Sandman," "I Feel the Earth Move," "Rag Mop," "Let the River Run," and "Every Door."

The Girls Glee Club will perform "You Made Me Love You," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Chapel of Love," "Big Girls Don't Cry," and "Somewhere out There."

The Advanced Mixed and Swing Chorus will sing the medley "Rock On," with such tunes as "Celebrate," "Rock On," "At the Hop," "Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On," "Blue Velvet," "Blue Suede Shoes" and others.

Soloists for the evening are Sherri Mattern, Kathleen Reader, April Polovick, Christopher Krause, Misty Timko, Carrie Heck, Bryan Ogle, Amy Krakowicki, John Miller, John Buxton, Jeremy Hartman, Sascha Carter, Jennifer Norris, Charles Hill, Kimberly Sealey and Scott Tripp.

After the graduating seniors from the music department are honored, the combined choruses will join together to sing the final number "From a Distance."

Seniors are: Lori Arthur, Tammy Ballew, Hertha Blumer, Gerald Brim, Karla Broyles, Sascha Carter, Sharon Flowers, Robin Grogan, Teresa Holsford, Rhonda Jolly, James Lay III, Wendy Lerch, Christopher Madden, Georgia Morales, Bryan Ogle, April Polovick, Connie Stull, Misty Timko, Tara Walker, Allison Whitmer, and Angela Wor-

ten.

Tickets for the concert are 75 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

## Noonday Opti—Mrs. meets

The Noonday Opti-Mrs. March meeting was held at Ravagli's Restaurant.

The meeting was called to order by President Myra Parish and the invocation was given by Virginia John. Dorothy McCaully, secretary, read the minutes; reports were given by the other committees. The nominating committee was reminded about the nominating of officials to be elected next month.

Birthday wishes were extended to Mildred Branding and Gladys Pope. Games were played, the prizes were won by Thurbor, Gladys Pope, Paris, Mildred Branding, Dorothy McCaully and Lois Anderson.

Fifteen members attended including Anna Lee Reeves, Dorothy Melvin, Louise Anderson, Tornea Kirchoff, Edna and Marial Veihl.

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Two of St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Emergency Room physicians, Jack Barr, DO, and Steve Barr, DO, recently were certified in emergency medicine by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

There are approximately 5,500 board-certified emergency physicians in the United States.

"This is in contrast to the 30,000 emergency room physician jobs available in the United States," Steve Barr said. "The credentialing process is designed to guarantee a certain level of expertise and training."

"Having board-certified physicians on staff allows private physicians and patients to benefit from the assurance that we have met the requirements and have expertise in emergency care."

The doctors had to pass written and oral tests dealing with the specifics of emergency medicine. Physicians are qualified to

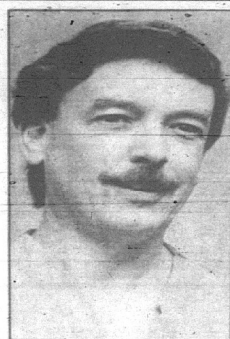
sit for the board tests after completing a three-year residency program concentrating on acute or emergency care.

Steve Barr completed his residency in emergency medicine at the University of Oregon School of Health Sciences.

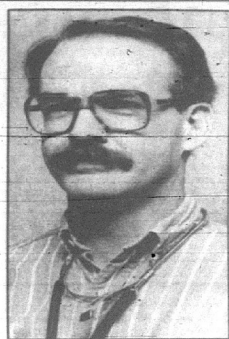
Physicians who, before, 1988, had five years of continuous emergency room experience and met other criteria, including completing a required number of continuing medical education courses, also are allowed to sit for the boards.

"The written test was difficult, but the oral test was even harder," Jack Barr said. "A certified emergency medicine physician presents you with several emergency medicine cases, and you have to cover all areas of care in a specific order of treatment, in a specific amount of time. One deviation or error, and you repeat the exam."

Emergency medicine is the



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most recently acknowledged subspecialty in medicine. It has been approved as a subspecialty for 10 years. Certification shows that the physicians are "the best of the best in their specialty."

"Being certified lets other doctors know you are capable. It adds to your credibility. When you call a doctor at 3 a.m. with a diagnosis on their patient, they can rest assured knowing their patient is being taken care of properly," Jack Barr said.

"It is also important that the community knows we have certified Emergency Room physicians at SEMC. Not all hospitals do."

Jack Barr, who also is certified in family practice, has been on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center since 1987. Steve Barr has been on staff since 1988.

Both received their medical degrees from the University of Health Science in Kansas City, Mo.

## Eagles Auxiliary initiates 7

At the April 9 meeting of the Eagles Auxiliary, an initiation was held for Jeni Dellins, Linda Roy-Babbis, Brenda O'Beir, Vivian Barrios, Allene Arnold, Janet Barringer and Mary Shafer.

President Ruth Jorgensen opened the meeting, and Conductor Yvonne Gray presented the flag and placed the Bible and the motherhead on the altar.

Approval was given for the transfer of Debra Bivens from Aurora to the Granite City Auxiliary and for the re-enrollment of Mary Hunt and Cheryl Williams. Balloting was held for nine applicants, who will be initiated at the District 7 meeting at the Eagles Home at 2 p.m. May 5.

Eagle Education Fund Chairman Jeanne Burton reported on the success of a flea-market and craft show, and Marian Wright, Kidney Fund chairman, said the Schuck's dinner was successful. Golden Eagle Chairman Florence Stokes reported on the success of a dance and thanked all those who helped.

Jorgensen announced the Eagle Birthday party will be held April 27. The Bingo Banquet for all bingo workers will be May 5. Nomination of officers will take place at the April 23 auxiliary meeting, when the Auxiliary Mother will be honored on her birthday.

## Holy Family PSA hears reports on programs

The March meeting of the Parish School Association (PSA) of Holy Family School was held March 25 before a gathering of parents and parishioners. A business meeting was held with Chairman Nancy Kelahan in charge.

William Fisher-Keller opened with prayer and gave the pastor's report including an announcement of the Parish Appreciation Dinner/Dance to be held April 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are available at the parish office.

Sister M. Arlene gave the principal's report and discussed the drug awareness programs that are being offered on different levels to the students and discussed ideas for fundraising projects for the school. Students are preparing for their First Holy Communion to be held in May.

Rosenda Roosevelt gave an

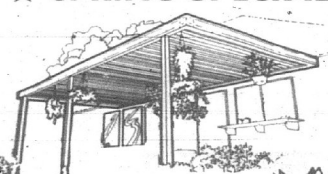
thanked everyone who volunteered their time to make them successful. An athletic report was given by Woody Halbrook, who discussed the possibility of a new conference for local schools.

Kelahan announced elections will be held the April 22 meeting and announced candidates for the board seats. Parents were asked for suggestions for the upcoming school carnival.

The guest speaker was Nancy Mills of Janet Mills & Associates, Granite City, who spoke on the need for parents to start saving for their children's college education. Mills discussed the approximate cost of a college education, planning, financial aid, grants, loans and scholarships. A question and answer session followed.

Refreshments were served by the parents of the sixth grade students. The 50/50 winner was

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## 'Belle' to soon grace Mississippi riverfront

By Pamela Seibert  
Correspondent

St. Louis' waterfront may have lost a gem when the riverboat President headed north to Davenport, Iowa, to become a gambling casino.

But Gateway Riverboat Cruise officials say her replacement here—the Belle of St. Louis—is just as fine and perhaps a little finer.

The new lady on the levee is brand new, the first new paddlewheel riverboat to be built in St. Louis since the Admiral came here more than 30 years ago, said Tom Dunn, vice president of Gateway, owners of the Belle.

The Belle will be christened on the St. Louis levee on April 26, followed by a private cocktail party on board. She'll make her cruise that evening.

This will bring to six the fleet

on St. Louis' waterfront, owned by John Connelly of Pittsburgh. Gateway's owner. Other boats in the fleet are the Admiral, Huck Finn, Becky Thatcher, Tom Sawyer and the Lt. Robert E. Lee.

The Belle, with three decks, two black steel-plated stacks and a gangway nosed off the head of the boat in traditional steamboat style, recently left LeeVac Shipyard in Jennings, La., for the trip north. She was built at a \$10 million cost, Dunn said.

Comparing the Belle with the President is a little like comparing oranges and tangerines, said Dunn. The President, which was first on the St. Louis riverfront from 1933 until 1939, represented an era of steamboat, when the effort was to streamline the traditional Gothic design. Older steamboats were made of wood and lots of 'gun-

gerbread, wood filigree.

The President was a transition period between traditional and art deco, and the Admiral, which replaced her here in 1940, was ultimate art deco, he said.

The President returned to the St. Louis riverfront for VP Fair festivities in 1985, and cruised here until last September. Then she went south to New Orleans for extensive renovation before becoming a floating casino, the largest one in the world, Dunn said.

The Belle, which may also one day become a floating casino if Missouri voters approve gambling, is a replica of the 19th century steamboats, Dunn said. It was built in traditional steamboat style, and "encompasses the benefits of both worlds—the charm and elegance of the past combined with diesel efficiency, air conditioning and fine din-

ing." The Belle is propelled by two Caterpillar diesel engines with a total of 1550 horsepower. Only slightly smaller than the President, she is 275 feet long, 65 feet wide, and counting her stacks, 55 feet above water. (Dunn said the word "highfalutin," or pretentious, derived from the high-fluted stacks on steamboats during their heyday in the 19th century.) The Belle is licensed to carry 2,000 passengers.

The Belle's paddlewheel housing measures 40 feet in diameter. "Sidewheelers were built with encased paddles on each side—you couldn't see the actual wheel because it was all closed in," Dunn said.

Both the President and the Admiral were originally powered

with steam, Dunn said. The Admiral, largest paddlewheel ever built, was converted to diesel in 1973, and the results were so successful, the President was changed to diesel power four years later, he said.

The first day cruise will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27 and the first public evening cruise will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. April 28, Dunn said.

Numerous performers will be on hand for the festive occasion. They'll include Don Scherrer's Band, Bob Kuban's Band and Ralph Butler's Band, and will play jazz, Dixieland and contemporary music for dancing. As on

all evening cruises, a buffet dinner will be served. Gateway will do all its own catering, Dunn said.

Cruises on the Belle will be limited to weekends through May, with Saturday day cruises and evening dinner dance cruises and Sunday brunch cruises. Starting in June, the Belle will run every day and evening except Monday.

The Belle will dock just below the south leg of the Arch. Prices for day cruises range from \$6 to \$10, and for evening cruises, \$25.55 to \$27.25. For information call (314) 621-4040.

## Computer show to offer various brands

Those interested in a home computer but confused over the various brands on the market can come to the Metro East Computer Show April 27 in the community room of Collinsville Memorial Public Library.

On display will be various types of home computers which will include Apple, Amiga, Atari, Commodore and IBM clones. Visitors can talk to actual users of these machines to find out why they chose the machines they have.

Also a representative from Microsoft will be on hand to demonstrate WINDOWS on the MS DOS machines.

Attendance will be free from noon to 4 p.m. The library is at 400 West Main.

Those who already own a computer system then can come to members of the computer clubs to see how they can get more out of their current system.

ExecuNet is operated by Midwest Computer Systems, Inc. and can be reached online from

Members of ExecuNet, a local Bulletin Board System, will host the computer show.

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